

a central body in each state to be responsible for receiving and investigating allegations of sexual misconduct by school employees; and it creates a nationwide database of school employees sanctioned by the state for sexual misconduct—thus enabling state, local, and private school officials to ensure offenders remain out of the classroom.

Accounts of teacher sexual misconduct have inundated headlines across our country. In 2004, a study required by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 reported that an estimated 4.5 million children are subject to sexual misconduct by a school employee sometime between kindergarten and 12th grade—that's nearly 1 in 10 students that are targets of sexual misconduct during their school career. As far as I'm concerned, that's one too many.

Further, a 2007 seven-month Associated Press investigation found a total of 2,570 educators across the nation were punished for sexual misconduct from 2001–2005, representing about a quarter of all educator misconduct cases in that time period.

More than a dozen states have considered legislation to strengthen laws for screening and reporting of sexual misconduct by educators last year—many of which became law. However, without adopting systematic policies and procedures at the national level all states remain vulnerable when hiring school employees from states with mediocre reporting procedures and lackluster ethical standards. Our classrooms deserve much more than a piecemeal effort that leaves our nation's schools exposed to predators moving from state to state.

Ernie Allen, President and CEO of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children said, "This Act brings long-overdue recognition to the problem of child sexual exploitation in the school system."

It is abundantly clear that the system we have in place has failed our students—repeatedly. Before we read about another teacher assaulting yet another student or another classroom shaken by another breach of trust, now—not later—let us give schools the tools they need to keep repeat sexual offenders from preying on students within the very institutions that should be a safe-haven for our children.

We have a unique opportunity before us to empower educators and parents nationwide and make it crystal clear we will not allow those who would prey on young, vulnerable minds to compromise the integrity of our school system and tarnish an honorable profession. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation, ensuring the safety of our children.

PEACE CORPS WEEK

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Mr. ROYCE. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate National Peace Corps Week and the 48th anniversary of the Peace Corps.

While much has changed in the world since the Peace Corps was created in 1961, its goals and ideals of promoting goodwill remain. Volunteers continue to provide invaluable services in over 70 countries, serving as educators, technology consultants, environmental specialists, and business advisors.

At a time when extremism is sweeping through much of the globe, more than ever, we need these dedicated individuals.

As the former chairman of the House Subcommittee on Africa, I have had the opportunity to meet with several Peace Corps Volunteers around the continent. The commitment these men and women have shown is extremely impressive and is to be commended.

These Americans, approximately 7,800 of them, are serving their country in often extremely difficult conditions. They live at the same level of the people they serve, and uniquely connect with them. Since its inception, over 195,000 Volunteers have worked in over 139 countries.

In my district, I'm proud to say that I have thirteen Peace Corps Volunteers, stationed around the world. Christina Balch in Lesotho, Joan Bash in Bulgaria, Joseph Flores in Macedonia, Mamie Florin in Gambia, Wendy Jones in Kenya, Olenka Langen in Nicaragua, Justin Lee in the Dominican Republic, Dulce Martinez in China, Lacey Monson in Thailand, Carmen Munoz in Guatemala, Joan Ngo in Paraguay, Stacey Ngo in the Dominican Republic, and Leala Ruangtragool in Honduras, are each to be commended for their service.

Madam Speaker, I have seen the valuable work the Peace Corps is doing in Africa, and throughout the world. It deserves our recognition and support.

A TRIBUTE TO ABISHEK JAIN

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Abishek Jain, a student at Falls Church High School in Falls Church, VA and recipient of this year's In Hope Freedom Rings Foundation Scholarship.

AJ has earned a reputation as a mindful and mature leader in his community. He is president of the Falls Church High School Science Club, which he founded in the 10th grade, and through which he founded, planned, and operated the school's first successful school recycling program. Today this program is staffed by 30 volunteers and has 200 collection locations.

He is a devoted scholar. His current overall grade point average is 3.86 and this semester he is enrolled in four Advanced Placement courses. He further contributes to the intellectual life of his school as President of the National Math Honor Society and Treasurer of the National Spanish Honor Society. In furthering his studies as an undergraduate AJ plans to pursue a degree in engineering.

AJ's studies are balanced by his athletic and artistic endeavors. He is a member of the Varsity Tennis and Indoor Track Teams and is a former member of the Varsity Swim and Dive Team and Junior Varsity Golf Team. In addition, he has a genuine passion for the violin, which he has played for the past nine years. In this capacity he is a member and former vice-president of the Chamber Orchestra.

AJ still finds time to volunteer in the community beyond his school. He has spent many hours over the past four years working at the Bailey's Crossroads' Homeless Shelter where

he is a coordinator charged with gathering food and volunteers to feed the area's homeless.

His school counselor notes, "What impresses me most about AJ is how grounded he is. He pushes himself to achieve, yet is also aware of his limitations. Since elementary school he has been involved with a cultural organization, the Chinmaya Mission. It is here where AJ has developed a spiritual sense and wisdom beyond his years."

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending AJ for setting such a strong example in his community.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I secured as part of H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Justice—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Buffalo Trace/Gateway Narcotics Task Force

Address of Requesting Entity: 908 Kenton Station Drive, Maysville, KY 41056

Description of Request: Appropriate \$280,000 to continue the operations of the Buffalo Trace/Gateway Narcotics Task Force to collect, analyze and process information through an organized, coordinated investigation, with the assistance of local, State, and federal agencies, to discourage and eliminate the use and sale of illegal narcotics.

The Task Force will benefit law enforcement in the investigation of all types of crimes related to drug trafficking and drug abuse which may include thefts, robberies and homicides. Local law enforcement does not have the funds to strengthen and investigate drug related crimes in some of our communities.

The Task Force will impact the drug abuse and drug related deaths in the ten county area in which it covers, as well as provide the offender's with treatment and recovery. Local governments and law enforcement agencies provide matching funds to support operations of the task force.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Justice—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oldham County Sheriff's Office

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 W. Jefferson Street, La Grange, KY 40031

Description of Request: Appropriate \$90,000 to acquire upgraded equipment to assist the Sheriff's Department in responding to a variety of law enforcement situations within the community. Needed equipment includes: dual antenna radar units, handheld radar units, Mobile Data Terminals, tazers, four wheel drive police vehicle, GPS positioning units, PD6500 security scanner, and other appropriate equipment

to assist the agency in responding to a variety of law enforcement situations within the community. The Oldham County Sheriff's Office is a twenty-four hour law enforcement agency that provides immediate assistance to the residents of Oldham County and surrounding counties as requested. In addition, the Sheriff's office is responsible for courtroom security, prisoner transport throughout Kentucky, protection of government employees, officials and government property.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Justice—COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Alexandria Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 8236 W. Main St., Alexandria, KY 41001

Description of Request: Appropriate \$30,000 to digitize police records and make them available in real time to officers throughout a three county region. The City of Alexandria Police Department on behalf of the Northern Kentucky Police Chief's Association is working collaboratively with local law enforcement agencies throughout our region to share police records. These records are considered public record, but are not readily available to local law enforcement as a means of data intelligence or for viewing by patrol officers in the field. This project uses state of the art software in a web interface that enables officers in real time to check master name files and previous contacts, as well as print warnings and other citations from the car using broadband internet connectivity. This project will allow local law enforcement to become more responsive to the community from a crime reduction standpoint.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Justice—COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Flemingsburg Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 140 W. Electric Avenue, Flemingsburg, KY 41041

Description of Request: Appropriate \$45,000 for the acquisition of four Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) for installation and use in the police cruisers used by the City of Flemingsburg Police Department. This will allow the department to connect to the Kentucky State Police LINK/NCIC terminal directly from the police vehicle. MDTs increase both officer and public safety by empowering law enforcement with critical information prior to exiting their vehicle. MDTs will let the officers know if a vehicle is stolen, the person driving is wanted and if the person is licensed to carry a concealed weapon.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Justice—COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Owen County Sheriff Office, Owenton, KY

Address of Requesting Entity: 102 North Madison Street, Owenton, KY 40359

Description of Request: Appropriate \$55,000 for the acquisition of six Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) for installation and use in the police cruisers used by both the Owen County Sheriff's Office and the City of Owenton Police

Department. The topography of Owen County limits the effectiveness of cell phones and two-way radios. However, experience has shown that MDTs are responsive throughout the county. MDTs will allow the department to connect to the Kentucky State Police LINK/NCIC terminal directly from the police vehicle. MDTs increase both officer and public safety by empowering law enforcement with critical information prior to exiting their vehicle. MDTs will let the officers know if a vehicle is stolen, the person driving is wanted and if the person is licensed to carry a concealed weapon.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Interior, EPA, STAG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Warsaw, KY

Address of Requesting Entity: 303 East Main Street, Warsaw, Kentucky 41095

Description of Request: Appropriate \$500,000 for the extension of a public water main to service area of the county not currently served by potable water supply. The project benefits include the delivery of safe drinking water to area residents not currently served by potable water supply and improved fire protection. The existing 0.21 MGD WWTP will be upgraded to a 1.0 MGD treatment facility.

Expansion and upgrading the existing facilities is vital for the area to continue its residential and economic growth. The proposed project would bring the Warsaw WWTP into compliance with KY EPA regulations and prevent the imposition of a consent decree or "agreed order." Furthermore, the project would ensure that water quality and environment would be protected.

The recipient has certified that the matching funds required by the STAG program (45% non-federal) can and will be met.

Adequate water and sewer service are essential infrastructure foundations that are required for residential and commercial growth. In addition, this funding will assist the community in complying with federal environmental regulations.

Budget allocation: Construction—81%; Administrative—1%; Engineering—7%; Resident Inspection—6%; Financing—1%; Project Contingencies—4%. Note: these percentages represent the allocation based on the total cost of the project as determined through the certified financing plan.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy & Water, Department of Energy—Fossil Energy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Kentucky

Address of Requesting Entity: 243 Bowman Hall, Lexington, KY 40506-0059

Description of Request: Appropriate \$951,500.00 to the University of Kentucky's Center for Applied Energy Research for the Coal-Derived Low Energy Materials for Sustainable Construction Project. The project and product development needs for the concrete, ready-mix, and masonry product industries that produce construction materials from coal combustion by-products and will provide data for using these materials in LEEDs certified green construction projects.

New products including low energy, low CO₂ producing cement and concrete can be fab-

ricated almost entirely from coal combustion products. Portland cement is an energy intensive product that represents the third highest anthropologic source of CO₂. A high performance substitute for Portland cement, based on calcium sulfoaluminate (or CAS cement) can be made from fluidized bed combustion ash, synthetic gypsum and bauxite.

These new materials are not only low energy but also recycled and can play a major role in sustainable, energy-efficient construction. Kentucky and many other states have made a commitment to LEEDs certified green building and architecture. These new materials will require documented performance and certification for their use that can only be provided by a cross cutting research effort as is proposed for the Center.

Budget allocation: 100% of the funds will be spent on research, including equipment and support for two senior engineers.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy & Water, Department of Energy—Fossil Energy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Kentucky

Address of Requesting Entity: 243 Bowman Hall, Lexington, KY 40506-0059

Description of Request: Appropriate \$1,379,675 for the University of Kentucky Strategic Liquid Transportation Fuels Derived from Coal Project at the Center for Applied Energy Research. The funding will continue the expansion of capabilities at the University of Kentucky directed toward research and labor force development and training related to the production of liquid transportation fuels (diesel, aviation fuel, etc.) derived from coal.

The use of coal for transportation fuels can provide additional independence from oil imports, safeguard the nation's security, allow for the development of new industries, and provide new incentives for coal mining. The Department of Defense has a keen interest in securing alternatives to petroleum for reliable supplies of battlefield fuels. Moreover, there are certain applications where coal-derived fuels are environmentally superior for the production of ultra-clean diesel and jet fuel of interest to the aviation, heavy equipment and trucking industries. Eastern and western Kentucky coals are suitable feed stocks for these purposes.

Budget allocation: 60% for construction; 15% for utilities and infrastructure; 25% for integration of the existing slurry column reactor.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy & Water, USACE, PED

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District

Address of Requesting Entity: 502 Eighth Street, Huntington, WV 25701

Description of Request: Appropriate \$335,000 for the Greenup Lock and Extension, KY & OH. Greenup Lock and Dam is the eighth busiest of the Corps of Engineers' 230 locks and dam projects. Closure of the lock, for maintenance or in the event of an accident, generates massive delays and associated costs to industry. Traffic delays are increasing in frequency and duration due to the dilapidated state of the infrastructure. Budget Allocation: 100% of the funds will be used to complete the preconstruction engineering and design (PED) phase.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy & Water, USACE, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District
Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 59, Louisville, KY 40201-0059

Description of Request: Appropriate \$10,144,000 to continue the construction and rehabilitation of the Markland Locks and Dam. This funding is for construction and installation of miter gate assembly area and pier, new miter gates for the main chamber and new culvert valves for the main chamber.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy & Water, USACE, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District
Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 59, Louisville, KY 40201-0059

Description of Request: Appropriate \$96,000 for the Northern Kentucky Riverfront Commons. The Army Corps of Engineers has completed a Master Plan and Reconnaissance Report for the Northern Kentucky Riverfront Commons Project. This request for funding is intended for preliminary design and engineering for the entire length of the project area.

The Riverfront Commons project coordinates riverbank stabilization strategies and public access enhancements along the Phase I 2.75 mile corridor of the south bank of the Ohio River in the communities of Covington, Newport, and Bellevue, Kentucky.

Implementation of the Riverfront Commons Project will improve quality of life for Northern Kentucky residents and residents of the Greater Cincinnati, Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana metropolitan area.

Riverfront tourism and festivals along the riverfront make a large contribution to the Northern Kentucky economy. Currently, an estimated 5,647,928 visitors, including 1,000,000 festival attendees, visit the Northern Kentucky riverfront area each year.

Budget allocation: 100% of the funding will be used for preliminary energy and design. Note, however, that the bill does not fund the original request completely. As a result, progress will be limited by the limited appropriation.

The affected local communities plan to provide a fifty-fifty local match of case and in kind services.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Financial Services, SBA, Salaries & Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Northern Kentucky University

Address of Requesting Entity: Administrative Center 616, Nunn Drive, Highland Heights, KY 41099

Description of Request: Appropriate \$1,900,000 for equipment, faculty development and start-up costs for the College of Informatics to develop and apply informatics-based solutions to the real world, as well as train students for new jobs in various professions that could benefit from the application of informatics, including health.

Informatics is the science of gathering, processing and manipulating information. Employ-

ment potential in health informatics careers is skyrocketing, a result of the growing number of public and private stakeholders, increased health care technology applications, and the desire to positively impact health care evolution and programs.

The U.S. Department of Labor projects the healthcare industry to hold twelve of the twenty fastest growing occupations, five of the remaining eight in the computer technology industry. The Labor Department also identifies "medical records and health information technology" as the sixth largest field for growth, with a forty-seven percent employment increase over the ten years ending in 2012.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Financial Services, SBA, Salaries & Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Thomas More College

Address of Requesting Entity: 333 Thomas More Parkway, Crestview Hills, KY 41017

Description of Request: Appropriate \$100,000 for Thomas More College's Center for Regional Health Sciences and Health Care Management. The Center will use the funds to expand upon current programs to address both immediate and projected future needs of businesses in health care and health care related fields, both at the advanced skills and at the management level. The College is a leader in both nursing and business in the region and has a unique affiliation with St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center. Federal funds will be used for continued faculty development and operating costs of programs at the Center.

The Center serves to stimulate job creation in the region. The health care industry is expected to grow by 25% by 2010 outpacing the ability of post-secondary institutions to fill the void. The center will produce a greater volume of highly skilled workers. Employment opportunities in the health care field are expected to increase by more than 25% by the year 2010, creating 1.3 million jobs on a national level.

The total project cost estimate is \$3,180,000. The College (through tuition revenue, foundation support and alumni giving) will provide 61% of the required funds.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Harrison Memorial Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 1210 KY Highway 36 E, Cynthiana, Kentucky 41031

Description of Request: Appropriate \$285,000 to upgrade the technology and enhance the capabilities of Harrison Memorial Hospital's Amicus PACS Imaging System in order to improve efficiency, health care delivery and cost savings. This appropriation would enable Harrison Memorial Hospital to enhance PACS to include critical services and provide same-day testing for patients.

The current system is currently able to capture and distribute images of general radiology, CT, and general ultrasound. At present, bone density and stereotactic biopsy services are only available through a mobile service one day per month. Digital mammography is also currently not available at the hospital.

Federal funds will enable HMH to enhance the PACS system to include these critical services and provide same-day testing for patients. This increases access to critical health care resources in the community, as well as reduces multiple trips to the facility and multiple billings.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: HealthPoint Family Care

Address of Requesting Entity: 601 Washington St., Suite 300, Newport, Kentucky 41071

Description of Request: Appropriate \$238,000 to replace the current paper records system with electronic medical records to reduce errors, save money and improve the quality of care. HealthPoint Family Care is a federally qualified health center providing primary care medical and dental services to 35,800 mainly low-income, uninsured patients. Funding will cover hardware, software and training to convert medical records from paper to electronic.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Education, Elementary & Secondary Education (FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Grant County Board of Education

Address of Requesting Entity: 820 Arnie Risen Boulevard, Williamstown, Kentucky 41097

Description of Request: Appropriate \$190,000 for equipment for the Grant County Board of Education's new Grant County/Williamstown Area Career and Technical Education Center. The new Center will provide closer career and technical training opportunities for high school students in Grant County. The flagship program will be the Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) Program. This field is an attractive and in demand area of expertise with Grant County's strategic location between three major airports. Federal funding will go towards technical equipment needed for the AMT Program.

The proposed Grant County/Williamstown Area Career and Technical Education Center will dramatically improve opportunities for students. The improved labor force will attract much needed industry to Grant County and the region.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Education, Higher Education (FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ashland Community and Technical College

Address of Requesting Entity: 1400 College Drive, Ashland, KY 41101

Description of Request: Appropriate \$143,000 for the purchase of necessary equipment for the allied health laboratories and classrooms located in the Parsons Building. The Parsons Building is a new building gifted to the College in the downtown district of Ashland. The new location will be used for college classes in Health Sciences, the Business and Job Testing Center and a conference center. Federal funds will be used for equipment, including computers and related computer

equipment, laboratory equipment; training aids; and curriculum development tools for the allied health laboratories and classrooms in the new building.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Education, Higher Education (FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Gateway Community and Technical College

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Buttermilk Pike, Suite 334, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky 41017

Description of Request: Appropriate \$95,000 for the Gateway Community and Technical College's Center for Advanced Manufacturing. The new Center's goal is to prepare, train and retrain a skilled workforce in Northern Kentucky that will create a pipeline of young workers for new and expanded manufacturing jobs, train and retrain 10,000 workers in 200 companies annually to boost productivity, and provide just-in-time training for new manufacturing firms in the region. Federal funds will be used to purchase equipment for the training programs, including training modules and equipment for specific manufacturing careers.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Carroll County Fiscal Court

Address of Requesting Entity: 4400 Main Street, Second Floor, Carrollton, Kentucky 41008

Description of Request: Appropriate \$95,000 to begin replacement of the Highway 36 West Bridge over Locust Creek in Carrollton, Kentucky. This bridge is on a main thoroughfare for commercial road traffic. A number of fatalities have occurred on the existing bridge. Replacement of the bridge will improve the flow of traffic and be safer for those traveling the bridge.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Interstate Maintenance Discretionary (IMD)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Mero St., Frankfort, KY 40622

Description of Request: Appropriate \$380,000 to rehabilitate the section of I-471 between I-275 and the Ohio River in Campbell County, Kentucky. The project is listed in Kentucky's six year highway plan. This section of I-471 is an essential thoroughfare, serving residents of Kentucky, Ohio, and other States. It provides a link that is critical to the economic growth and safety of Northern Kentucky. This section will serve as an alternate route when work begins on replacement of the Brent Spence Bridge on I-71/75. The pavement has deteriorated to the extent that grinding and repairing is no longer feasible. Federal funds will be used for pavement rehabilitation in the form of structural overlay to restore this deficient thoroughfare.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Transportation Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK)

Address of Requesting Entity: 3375 Madison Pike, Fort Wright, KY 41017

Description of Request: Appropriate \$1,900,000 for the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK). Federal funds will be used to purchase replacement buses needed to address safety and capacity issues with the aging fleet. Newer buses will also help to achieve better fuel economy and have cleaner emissions than the buses currently in use and in need of replacement.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Tri-County Community Action Agency

Address of Requesting Entity: 1015 Dispatchers Way, LaGrange, KY 40031

Description of Request: Appropriate \$76,950 for Tri-County Community Action Agency for the Non-Emergency Medical and Independent Living Activities Transportation for Older Adults program. Federal funds will be used to purchase new vehicles and GPS systems in order to better serve senior citizens and veterans who need transportation to medical appointments, adult day care and independent living activities. The purchases will also be available to Emergency Management and First Responder Personnel in each county to help with evacuation of special needs residents should an emergency situation occur.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: HUD, Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Maysville

Address of Requesting Entity: 216 Bridge Street, Maysville, Kentucky 41056

Description of Request: Appropriate \$2,565,000 for the renovation and restoration of the Cox Building in the downtown area of the City of Maysville. The Cox Building is a historic keystone building for the City. Federal funding will be used for masonry, repairs, fire alarm, sprinkler, plumbing, HVAC, elevator, plaster, painting and other construction needs. The goal of the project is to renovate the building to become an income producing and economically stimulating entity for the historic business district. The restoration of the building will also provide space for the community's new "Entrepreneurial—Incubator Program" and provide local art organizations with affordable space and an opportunity to be located downtown.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: HUD, Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mason County Fiscal Court

Address of Requesting Entity: 221 Stanley Reed Court, Maysville, Kentucky 41056

Description of Request: Appropriate \$95,000 to complete the construction of the multi-use Mays Lick Community Center. Federal funds will be used to finish the community center, including drywall, flooring, ceiling and insulation. The Mays Lick Community Center will provide a place for community events, Boys and Girls

club activities, Boy Scouts of America and other community meetings. The community does not currently have any type of facility to meet these needs.

TRIBUTE TO PEACE CORPS WORKERS

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to the 35 residents of the Third Congressional District of Minnesota who are currently serving as Peace Corps Volunteers around the world.

I also want to thank the Peace Corps itself for the important work it has done since its founding in 1961 to promote understanding with other countries.

As we approach the 48th anniversary of the Peace Corps on March 1, 2009 and celebrate National Peace Corps Week this week, we are all very grateful for the work of this wonderful organization and the many volunteers who do so much for so many people.

I am especially proud of my dedicated constituents who are currently serving our country and the people of the world as Peace Corps volunteers: Joseph Adams in Surinam; Melissa Cuddy in Guatemala; Kristina Denison in Zambia; Bradley Engelsma in El Salvador; David Garfunkel in the Dominican Republic; Patricia Godchaux in Moldova; Alyson Hatchett in Costa Rica; Laura Hoffman in Bulgaria; Sarah Horns in South Africa; Ledor Igboh in Ghana; Franklin Jadwin in Peru; Andrew Jondahl in Senegal; Briana Juster in Guatemala; Jennifer Katchmark in Botswana; Jessica Kolb in Kazakhstan; Sarah Litchy in Ethiopia; Erin Luhmann in Kyrgyzstan; Michael Luke in Romania; Kari Nelson in Senegal; Molly Nicholls in Macedonia; Mary O'Brien in Senegal; Derek Olson in Uganda; Martha Pakan in Mexico; Nichol Perkins in Nicaragua; Charles Powell in Honduras; Claire Reuning in Benin; Nicholas Rossi in Burkina Faso; Charles Seltzer in Dominican Republic; Braden Shannon in El Salvador; Gabriel Sidman in Honduras; Melanie Siler in Kazakhstan; Illyria Turk in Bulgaria; Janet Utecht in Mexico; Maria VanOsedale in Senegal; and Laura Van't Land in the Philippines.

Madam Speaker, I applaud each of these individuals for their service to our country and to the people of the countries in which they are working. And thank you to the Peace Corps for 48 years of critical service to the world.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 1105, the "Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009."